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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: METHOD OF PRETREATMENT OF
SAMPLE FOR QUANTITATING
CHOLESTEROL AND METHOD
FOR QUANTITATING CHOLESTEROL
IN SPECIFIC LIPOPROTEINS BY
USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) A pretreatment method according to claim 1, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol oxidase or cholesterol dehydrogenase.

5. (Amended) A method for quantitating cholesterol existing in a specific lipoprotein in a sample, which comprises causing an enzyme, which acts upon free cholesterol as a substrate, and a reaction accelerator, which is selected from the flufenamic acid, mefenamic